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: CAM MECHANISM OF A PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-noted application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the present Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A cam mechanism comprising:

a cam ring; and